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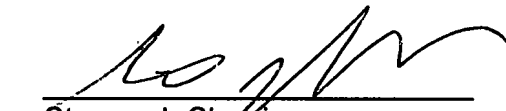
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Sir:

Applicants have reviewed the Examiner's answer mailed on April 19, 2007 and submit that the argument set forth in the Appeal Brief filed on October 24, 2005 remains valid such that no further argument is considered warranted.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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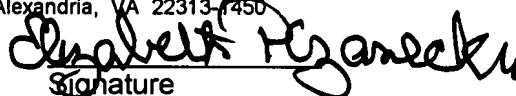
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